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'To love, live and learn together'

Newsletter Friday 19th November 2021 Our Christian value this half term is 'Hope'

Celebrating the season of Remembrance

Well done to all our children who took part in our whole school act of Collective Worship for Remembrance on 11.11.21. Every child created a poppy and these formed part of each classes remembrance art work which included the photos of service family members brought in by the children. We also observed our 2 minute silence as a whole school outside at 11am. A special thank you to Abigail and Tom's Mum who led us with the 'Last Post' on her cornet. Our art work was then on display in Ripon Cathedral for the Annual Remembrance Service for service pupils. Well done to our KS2 Choir and Class 4 children who sang the opening hymn for this service. You can view the service online by searching 'Ripon Cathedral Service to Remember', by clicking the link below or through Ripon Cathedral online services.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QgQgPjViNh4&t=254s>



Pictured here preparing to perform in Ripon Cathedral and on the next page photos of our Remembrance celebrations in school.

Celebrating Remembrance in school



Reception Places for September 2022 please apply online with North Yorkshire by January 15th 2022. Mrs Dobson is offering individual tours of our school for prospective parents. Please contact school directly to arrange these.

Friends of the School Christmas Tea Towels

Details of how to order these was sent home in book bags last week and by email. The deadline for order returns is Friday 26th November.

Friends of the School Christmas Fundraising Raffle and donation of Raffle Prizes

If you are able to donate a prize for our Christmas fundraising hampers please send these into school with your child or leave at the office. Seasonal food, drink and other items all gratefully received.

Raffle tickets will be sent home in book bags next week and will be on sale at the Class 1 and 2 Nativity Performances.

Friends of the School donation of £3,000

A huge thank you to everyone who supported events in the last academic year. We will be planning how to spend this to benefit all the children in our school.

Thank you for supporting Send a Cow at Harvest We were able to send £100 to this charity which supports farmers in Africa.

Thank you supporting St Mary's Church with your donations at our Harvest Festival Service

This will help the church to repair its heating system.

Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity 2021

We have started to practice for this. Thank you for bringing in your child's costume on a named coat hanger. The deadline for this is **Tuesday 30th November**. Thank you for speaking to us if you would like help with a costume.

Class 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity performance dates:

Tuesday 7th December 2pm for Class 1 parents

Wednesday 8th December 2pm for Class 2 parents

These performances will be held in the school hall and numbers will be limited to 2 people per family. You can reserve your tickets on Parent Pay. No physical ticket will be given. This booking will give us a record of those attending.

Class 3 and 4 children will lead our Carol Service in St Mary's Church on Friday 17th December at 2pm. No booking required.

Congratulations to Class 2 on their excellent Class Assembly for their parents this week.

A brilliant week for Class 4 at Marrick Priory

Class 4 enjoyed a wonderful residential week of outdoor educational activities. Well done for their excellent behaviour; they were a pleasure to take away. A huge thank you to their teachers: Mr Rambottom, Miss Crabbe and Mrs Parr who accompanied them. Photos to follow.

Class 1 Parental Consultation with Mrs Dobson

On the afternoon of Tuesday 30th November between 1.15pm and 6pm Mrs Dobson will meet with parents. Please book a 15 minute slot by signing the list in the office entrance area or phoning/emailing school.

Date reminders (also on the School Website under Parents/Diary Dates):

Class 3 Parental Assembly Thursday 25th Nov

9.30am Parents/Carers of Class 3 invited (max 2 per family)

Class 4 Parental Assembly Thursday 2nd Dec

9.30am Parents/Carers of Class 4 invited (max 2 per family)

Class 1 Parental Assembly tbc when Mrs Reynolds returns to school.

Flu vaccine for those who registered online: Tues 7th December 9.00am

Christmas Party and Father Christmas visit

Classes 1 and 2: Tues 14th December pm

Christmas Party Classes 3 and 4: Wed 15th Dec pm

Christmas Lunch: Thurs 16th December

Carol Service in St Mary's Church led by Classes 3 and 4: Friday 17th December 2pm.

Friday 17th December early school finish for Christmas at 3pm.

Last week of clubs this half term: in the week beginning 29th November. (No gym club Friday 3rd December).

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries.

With my best wishes,

Nicola Dobson

This week in Class 1

This week in Class 1 we have learnt about Road Safety with Super Cat and written instructions and designed posters to help us to cross the road safely. In our Science work we enjoyed a listening walk and explored our 5 senses. Everyone is continuing to work hard on their phonics, reading and number skills. We have painted and sketched our self portraits. In PE we continue with our cricket coaching with North Yorkshire Chance to Shine Cricket and have learnt tri-golf skills.

Pictured below: Year 1 sorting animals into mammals, amphibians, reptiles, birds and fish in Science; self portraits in art; enjoying our reading; playing number games; role play in the vets



This week in Class 2

This week we have enjoyed performing our class assembly. We are really proud of all the children who spoke clearly and shared their songs, poetry, prayers and learning from their topic, 'Our World'. In English and Geography we have been learning about polar animals and creating informative posters. In Design Technology we have applied our sewing skills to create penguin Christmas tree decorations. In PE we have enjoyed our cricket and tri-golf.



This week in Class 3

We have started to prepare for our Class Assembly next week and have been practising our Viking song. In Design Technology we completed sewing our poppies and in Art and Design we have worked on our Dragon Heads. In Geography we have used atlases to research Viking place names. We have been developing our comprehension skills and learning about Road Safety. In PE we have enjoyed Dance and Tri Golf. We also raised money for Children in Need.

